



January 22, 2014

Mr. Don West
Environmental Management Support, Inc.
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Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Mr. West:

The Stark County Park District (Park) has enclosed an USEPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant proposal requesting funds to complete asbestos abatement cleanup activities at the Molly Stark Park, formerly the Molly Stark Sanatorium that opened in 1929 as a therapeutic hospital for those suffering from Tuberculosis

Abandoned since 1995, the Park acquired the Subject Property from Stark County Commissioners in April 2009 for \$1. The Park immediately secured the structures; placed no trespassing signs; placed signage alerting the public of the interior asbestos hazard; and had the Stark County Parks District Rangers patrol the property to deter transient and/or trespasser activity.

The Park has quickly transitioned the grounds (38 acres) of the Subject Property into Nimishillen Township's (a rural community) first public park with trails, picnic areas, and abundant open space while integrating the Subject Property into the Park's larger network of parks connected to the regional community.

The USEPA Cleanup Grant would further the Park's efforts in ensuring that the asbestos that is currently restricted to the interior of the structures is properly remediated so it does not impact the positive impact made by the Park on the exterior grounds. Local developers have proposed developing the buildings into mixed-use commercial and residential apartment space, promoting economic development opportunities and employment to a part of the county already experiencing growth due to the emerging oil and gas industry.

Pertinent applicant information is as follows:

a. Applicant: Stark County Park District
5300 Tyner St NW
Canton OH 44708

b. Applicant DUNS Number: 362900417

c. Funding Requested: i. Type: Cleanup
ii. Amount: \$200,000
iii. Contamination: Asbestos Containing Materials

d. Location: Nimishillen Township, Stark County, OH

e. Site Specific Address: Former Molly Stark Hospital Site
7900 Columbus Rd. NE
Louisville, OH 44641

f. Contact: i.) Project Director
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g. Date submitted: January 22, 2014

h. Project Period: July 1, 2014-December 31, 2015

i. Population: 9,652 Population of Nimishillen Township
374,868 Population of Stark County

j. Special Considerations Attached-Other Factors Checklist, Appendix 3

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sarah Buell
Project Director
Projects and Administrative Manager

**Stark County Park District
Molly Stark Park Project-2014**

NARRATIVE - RANKING CRITERIA FOR CLEANUP GRANTS

1. Community Need (15 points)

a. Targeted Community and Brownfields (5 points)

Targeted Community

Molly Stark Hospital is the Subject Property and includes three buildings located in Molly Stark Park, 38.5 acres owned by the Stark County Park District (the Park). The buildings have been identified as containing asbestos and have remained abandoned since 2008. The park and buildings are located in north central Nimishillen Township, a rural township located outside of the City of Louisville in Stark County, Ohio. The community where the Subject Property is located has recently experienced a 9.15% increase in population as a result of the oil and gas industry development in the region. Currently Chesapeake Energy, the nation's second largest natural gas producer, purchased 284 acres in Louisville in the Beck Industrial Park to build their regional field office. Development of the industrial park may result in 400 jobs being attracted to the city and township where the Subject Property is located, and the targeted community recognizes that there is a growing need for residential facilities and amenities like parks and trails. The proposed redevelopment of the Molly Stark Hospital buildings into residential and commercial space by local developers, with adjacent property remaining with the Stark County Park District, has been well received by the targeted community. Molly Stark Park is included in the Stark County Trail & Greenway Master Plan and includes plans for trails to connect the park property to the city of Louisville.

Demographic Information

	Targeted Community NIMISHILLENTOWNSHIP	CITY OF LOUISVILLE STARKCOUNTY	OHIO	National
Population	9,652 ¹	9,152 ¹ – Louisville 375,586 ² - Stark	11,554,225 ²	317,378,667 ¹
Unemployment ¹	7.2%	7.2% - Louisville 7.1% - Stark	7.5%	6.7%
Poverty Rate ¹	3.5%	8.5% - Louisville 14.5 % - Stark	15.4%	14.9%
Percent Minority ¹	0.7%	0.7%-Louisville 11%-Stark	16.6%	22.10%
Median Household Income ¹	\$45,595	\$45,595-Louisville \$45,689-Stark	\$48,246	\$53,046
Other				

Reference: ¹U.S. Census Bureau

² American Community Survey

Brownfields

The Subject Property, located in a rural township, north of the City of Louisville in Stark County is approximately 38.5 acres (the grounds) with three (3) structures consisting of a former tuberculosis hospital, children's hospital and boiler room with tunnels. The structures comprise approximately 125,000 square feet and while the structures at the Subject Property have been secured, the overall conditions of the buildings are severely deteriorated. The Park has salvaged any building components with a value and completed the following:

- installed a gate to limit access;
- secured potential entry points on buildings;
- sealed manholes leading to the tunnels;
- erected no trespassing signs;
- posted "Keep Out-Asbestos Danger" signs;
- began routine patrols by Park Rangers

With the Park's efforts to limit access to the buildings to vandals, they also restricted pathway for the asbestos contamination to exit the building via broken windows, doors, etc. and potentially contaminate the soil surrounding the buildings. With these measures the Park has subsequently been successful in keeping the asbestos contamination to the interior of the structures. Through a Phase II Property Assessment and Asbestos Survey, completed in 2009, the findings of the reports concluded that asbestos on the interior of the structures is the only hazardous contaminant on the entire Subject Property.

Currently, the grounds of the Subject Property are open to the public during daylight hours for picnicking, walking, bird watching, and outdoor educational programs conducted by the Park. The property is centrally located in Nimishillen Township and is less than 5 miles from downtown Louisville, Ohio. The open space of the park property is included in the Stark County Trail & Greenway Master Plan and a trail to connect the Subject Property to Louisville is planned.

Approximately 3.5 miles south of the Subject Property is a larger 115 acre brownfield, within the City of Louisville, former lagoons that served the steelmaking facility, J & L Steel. In Stark County there are a total of eleven brownfield sites registered on the Ohio Brownfield Inventory maintained by the State. The total brownfield acreage, including the Subject Property is over 700 acres of the county.

Within a seven mile wide corridor of the Subject Property and J & L Steel, the following are located:

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| • 4 schools; | • 1 library; |
| • 1 child care center; | • 1 hospital; and |
| • 1 nursing home, Green Meadows
(adjacent to the Subject Property); | • 5 churches |

Cumulative Environmental Issues

Within Stark County there are various cumulative environmental issues relating to pollution. According to the American Lung Association, Stark County ranks 50 out of 277 metropolitan areas for high ozone days. It also ranks 42 out of 277 metropolitan days for 24-hour particle pollution and 14 for annual particle pollution.

In analyzing air pollutants, Stark County has an 8-hour average ozone concentration of 0.077 ppm, which does not meet national ozone standards of 0.075 ppm and is worse than the national average of 0.07 ppm. Stark County's fine particulate matter concentration of $11.9 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ which meets the national standard of $12 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ but is among the worst in comparison to the national average of $9.20 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. Stark County has an 8-hour average carbon monoxide concentration of 2 ppm, which meets the national carbon monoxide standard of 9 ppm, and is slightly worse than the national average of 1 ppm.

The county also contains two superfund sites that have either contaminated or threatened drinking water sources serving 0-500 people: Industrial Excess Landfill and TRW, Inc. According to a report on ground-water pollution potential study completed by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Nimishillen Township has some of the highest areas of ground-water pollution potential.

b. Impacts on Targeted Community (5 points)

While the asbestos contaminants in the three Molly Stark buildings have not resulted in disproportionate impact on the targeted community of Nimishillen Township, Louisville or Stark County, there are still very real threats to the health of community members caused by the hazardous condition of the building. The building is attractive to vandals, young people and "ghost-hunters" who continue to try and access the secured building, despite the warnings provided by the Park. Since 2009 there have been 92 arrests and 87 warnings issued by Stark County Park District Rangers to trespassers who risk not only exposure to the asbestos, but also potential injury caused by the general decay of the building. Clean up under this grant will not only remove the risk exposure to trespassers, but will remove blight from the neighborhood and improve overall security to the community concerned about criminal activity being promoted because of the brownfield's existence. The removal of the asbestos will also be the first step in the redevelopment of the buildings into market rate housing for the community.

c. Financial Need (5 points)

i.) Economic Conditions (3 points)

The applicant for this funding is a county-wide park district that purchased the brownfield property for \$1 from county commissioners in order to provide the township with its first park property. The park district used grant funds to complete Ohio VAP Phase II Property Assessments and an Asbestos Survey to identify the environmental impact of the asbestos contamination. Lacking the funds necessary to address the removal of asbestos, estimated by professional consultants at \$200,000, the park district attempted to procure grant funds and along with the community, focused efforts on development of the adjacent land as park property. Current plans include the construction of a trail linking the park property to the city of Louisville, a memorial garden and a reflection garden.

As the park district works to meet its mission to acquire, preserve and develop natural areas accessible to all residents of Stark County for purposes of passive recreation, conservation, education and outdoor nature appreciation, it must strategically develop parks and trails to benefit the taxpayers that supported its levy in 2012. Currently funds are not available in the park district's budget to address the extensive needs of this brownfield project.

Nimishillen Township, with a population of 9,652 of which approximately 45% of the population is children and seniors, is a small community and unable to fund the removal of asbestos in the Subject Property.

Stark County unemployment is at 9.1% and with the above economic indicators, the county's population has declined by 2,512 from 2000 to 2010, according to the U.S. Census. County taxes collected have declined as a result of the changing demographics, however the emerging Utica Shale industry growth in the county is helping the county to turn a corner. With the interest of local developers in converting the brownfield Subject Property into multi-use residential and commercial property, the park district has a goal to remove the asbestos from the contaminated properties, collaborating with the developers on the repurposing of the properties, and maintaining the adjacent land as open space park land.

ii.) Economic Effects of Brownfields (2 points)

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the unemployment rate of Nimishillen Township is higher than the national average and the median household income is lower than both the state and national average. With the addition of Chesapeake Energy's regional offices to the city of Louisville in Nimishillen Township, it is anticipated that the unemployment rate and median household income may grow with increased employment opportunities. The goal of the Molly Stark Park Project upon asbestos removal from the brownfield property, is redevelopment of the buildings to provide suitable housing alternatives for a growing employee base. The current perception of the Molly Stark Project is that while the addition of the township's first park has helped to improve perceived home values, the blight still present in the Subject Property spurs neighborhood disinvestment. This has the potential to diminish tax revenue stream that fund municipal services if not addressed. The addition of the park property has provided a barrier to much of the blight, but if not stopped by removal of asbestos and development, continued deterioration will potentially impact the welfare of the target community. This negative image in the community could result in the region being chosen less often as a site to locate business.

As taxpayers supported the one mill tax levy for the Park in 2012, many of their tax dollars are being spent on keeping the brownfield buildings secure to prevent disturbance of the asbestos from trespassers. Since 2009, park rangers have arrested 92 individuals and spent over 138 hours in processing these cases. An additional 87 warnings have been issued with an estimated cost to the taxpayer of \$4,416 in security costs. This does not take into account the secondary costs associated with processing each violation through the county sheriff and associated courts. These are dollars that would be better invested in maintaining security in other parks and trails to benefit the larger community.

2. Project Description and Feasibility of Success (30points)

a. Project Description (15 points)

i.) Existing Conditions (5 points)

The three structures targeted for asbestos removal consist of 125,000 square feet and are severely deteriorated. The extent of asbestos contamination that must be removed includes: 10,111 linear feet; 1,476 cubic yards; and 38.5 square feet in the three buildings. The roof has suffered from lack of maintenance and is no longer providing adequate protection for the interior of the main building. Invasive plants cover the exterior of the building, pulling at walls, and windows are boarded up to prevent trespassers from entering and risking asbestos exposure. The Subject Property is located on 38.5 acres (the grounds), which is currently being utilized by the Stark County Park District as a natural open space area for passive recreation. Educational activities, conducted by the Park staff, are held multiple times each year and include interpretive information regarding the history of the Subject Property.

Redevelopment of the Subject Property has been complicated by the presence of asbestos and the visible deterioration of the building combined with the recent economic recession impacting the United States. With the growing interest in Utica Shale in northeast Ohio, many industry leaders have chosen Stark County to place their corporate footprint and the area is seeing economic recovery and job growth. The county's existing infrastructure, including access to Interstate 77, a regional airport, and rail lines; plus its ability to provide technical education for job prospects, has spurred economic recovery. The proposed reuse of the Subject Property is to convert the three buildings into market rate apartments with the addition of a community room and possibly a coffee shop to accommodate the anticipated need for living space by employees working in the Utica Shale industry. Local developer Steve Coon, owner of Coon Restoration & Sealants, has seen great success with similar conversion of historical buildings into livable space. The adaptive reuse proposal from Mr. Coon and his development partners will provide a compromise between historic preservation and demolition. This important piece of the community's history can now provide much needed living space for a growing community and will provide a sustainable option through site reclamation.

The successful conversion of brownfield property to residential apartments adjacent to a county park will align with community goals to provide businesses wishing to build in the area, and their employees, with inviting neighborhoods and recreational amenities. The Park will continue to maintain the property adjacent to the Subject Property as open space park land and it is included in the Stark County Trail & Greenway Master Plan. The proposed trail for the Molly Stark Park will eventually connect the rural location to the downtown Louisville area, further promoting economic growth for area businesses.

ii) Proposed Cleanup Plan (10 points)

With the proposal of the adaptive reuse by converting the buildings into mixed-use commercial and residential apartment space, remediation of the asbestos will include the containment, transportation, and disposal of the asbestos in compliance with all local, state and federal regulations. No soil contamination was identified in previous Asbestos Survey and all asbestos has been contained within the three Subject Property buildings. The park district will secure the services of licensed professionals to perform perimeter air monitoring to ensure protectiveness to the community during abatement activities; and prepare remedial action report(s) upon completion of the field activities.

b. Task Description and Budget Table (10 points)

Task Descriptions

Task 1 - Project Management/Planning: Park personnel will be required to oversee and monitor the project and specific outputs will include bid preparations; pre-bid meetings; project planning meetings; and site security/patrol during abatement activities. Personnel costs with fringe benefits estimated at \$9,548 and will be covered by cost share.

Task 2 - Community Outreach: Park personnel will produce the following outputs-conduct four (4) local community meetings to update the residents on the progress and status of the remediation activities. Additionally, the Park will utilize the local newspapers; the Park bi-monthly newsletter; and the Park's web page to provide residents with updates and an outlet to provide feedback and/or submit questions or comments. Personnel costs with fringe benefits estimated at \$3,452 and will be covered by cost share.

Task 3 - Cleanup Plan Related Documents: The Park will secure the services of a qualified and an Ohio-licensed Engineering/Environmental Firm to aid in the preparation of bid specifications and remedial action work plans to ensure the remediation is conducted in accordance with all applicable standards. Specific output includes contact and work plan at a value of \$15,000 and will be covered by cost share.

Task 4 - Abatement Activities: The Park will secure the services of an Ohio-licensed asbestos abatement contractor to abate the asbestos containing materials from the Subject Property structures and tunnels in accordance with bid specification documents. Specific output over a period of approximately 12 months to include: removal of 10,111 linear feet of asbestos, removal of 1,476 cubic yards of asbestos and removal of 38.5 square feet of asbestos. Total cost of abatement activities is estimated at \$190,450 and cost share will be \$12,000.

Task 5 - Project Management: The Park will secure the services of a qualified and an Ohio-licensed Engineering/Environmental to oversee the asbestos abatement activities; perform perimeter air monitoring to ensure protectiveness to the community during abatement activities; and prepare remedial action report(s) upon completion of the field activities. Project management costs are estimated at \$21,550.

Upon the award of the USEPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant and the finalization of the Cooperative Agreement, the Park estimates the total length of the project from bid preparation to preparation of closeout documents to be approximately 12 months.

Budget Table

Budget Categories	Project Tasks					
	Task 1 Project Management/Planning	Task 2 Community Outreach	Task 3 Cleanup Plan Related Documents	Task 4 Abatement Activities	Task 5 Project Oversight	Total
Personnel-SCPD Project Mgmt	6769	2440				9209
Fringe Benefits	2779	1012				3791
Contractual - Abatement				190450		190450
Contractual - Oversight/Management			15000		21550	36550
Total	9548	3452	15000	190450	21550	240000
Cost Share	9548	3452	15000	12000		40000

c. Ability to Leverage (5 points)

The Park has worked diligently since acquiring the Subject Property in 2009 to successfully leverage funds to complete Nimishillen Township's first park. The Park applied for a Clean Ohio Assistance Fund grant of \$191,619 to complete Phase II Property Assessment Activities and an Asbestos Survey on the Subject Property. The Nimishillen Township Bicentennial Commission and the Nimishillen Fire Department have donated \$17,000 to the Park to utilize on the preservation and development of the Subject Property into a Park.

The Park will provide "in kind" Project Management/Planning and Community Outreach match dollars and will donate the electricity costs required for the abatement activities.

The Park is also working with the Nimishillen Township residents and businesses on a "brick fundraiser" to raise dollars for redevelopment activities; working with adjacent property owner, Green Meadows Health & Wellness Center to donate water required for the abatement activities by allowing the Park temporary access for a water hookup; and worked with community stakeholders on plans for the adjacent park land's development into memorial and tribute gardens.

The sources of funding associated with the potential revitalization of the site will be provided by local developers, including Steve Coon, owner of Coon Restoration & Sealants, Inc., Northmark Properties and Historic Developers, LLC. Mr. Coon's companies rehabilitate historic structures into market rate office, retail and residential spaces. Mr. Coon has recently completed multiple projects in Hamilton, Ohio including the \$9.2 million dollar renovations of Historic Mercantile Lofts into mixed-use facilities, the \$1.5 million dollar renovation of the Robinson Schwenn building and the former JournalNews building renovation estimated as a \$3 million project. As a proponent of historic preservation and a dedicated downtown historic developer in cities across Ohio, Mr. Coon is passionate about preserving historic buildings for future generations. Mr.

Coon resides in Nimishillen Township, location of the targeted project and community, and is personally vested in the abatement of asbestos and eventual development of the former Molly Stark Hospital into market rate residential and commercial space.

3. Community Engagement and Partnerships (15 points)

a. Plan for Involving Targeted Community & Other Stakeholders; and, Communicating Project Progress (5 points)

The Park engaged the Nimishillen Township community before the Park acquired the Subject Property in 2009. Through township meetings, the Park discussed the redevelopment potential of the Subject Property into a local park and inquired as to public support of the plan. The Nimishillen Township citizens fully supported the Park, and presented a petition to Stark County Commissioners requesting the transfer of the Subject Property to the Park.

The Park and the township have worked concurrently towards the development of the Subject Property into Nimishillen's first park including the Nimishillen Township Bicentennial Commission sponsoring a cleanup and family festival at the Subject Property to raise funds. The Commission and the Nimishillen Fire Department have donated \$17,000 to the Park for the preservation and development of the new park.

In addition to attending township trustee meetings, the Park has sponsored public meetings prior to the Phase II Property Assessment and this brownfield grant application., The Park maintains membership in the Louisville Rotary Club and has made presentations regarding the Subject Property to same; sponsored hikes and various programs at the Subject Property; and issued press releases to the township's weekly newspaper, provided updates in the Park's newsletter that is mailed to 86,000 county wide voting households five times per year; and posted various updates on the Park's website.

After conversations between the Park and the prospective developers, a community meeting was held on January 9, 2014 to request community input for the proposed development of the former tuberculosis hospital. Additional meetings with area businesses regarding gardens to be built in the Molly Stark Park were held at the Park's administrative building the same week. Community input forms were requested and over 100 responses were received and no comments from the Park were required in response to the targeted community.

The Park commits to continuing with these activities to keep the community informed on the progress of the remediation and redevelopment activities regarding the Subject Property to ensure the success of the project. Professional consultants will help to identify any sensitive populations, including the neighboring residents at a nursing home, to ensure the cleanup is conducted in a manner that is protective of the population. Communicating progress to citizens will be provided by Park staff through media and website outlets. Additionally, the Park District plans to host 4 public meeting to discuss the project process during the grant period.

b. Partnerships with Government Agencies (5 points)

The Park has several partnerships that will support the Park's success in brownfield projects.

- i. The Park has a three-year relationship with the Stark County Health Department and the Canton City Health Department through our membership in the Stark 20/20 health care coalition that seeks to improve health care outcomes in our county. (i.e. abatement of asbestos to eliminate exposure pathways to the community)
- ii. The Park has a four-year relationship with the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, from whom we have received several mitigation grants to remove residential properties from floodplains and create open space.
- iii. The Park has a decade-long relationship with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). In addition to contractual agreements with ODNR for joint management of two reservoirs, the Park has received multiple trail grants and green space preservation grants from ODNR.
- iv. The Park has on-going relationships with the City of Canton and City of Massillon Municipal Courts, who offer the Park system as a location for community service work. Job participants from the Stark County Job and Family Service Department are also assigned to work at the Park in order to "earn" welfare benefits.
- v. Environmental Health and Safety Technology classes are offered at Stark State College in Stark County with Associate Degrees, one-year certificates, and career enhancement certificates available. The Park will commit to work with the College about potential work opportunities at the Subject Property, if the cleanup grant is approved.

c. Partnerships with Community Organizations (5 points)

- Louisville Public Library--provides public venue for review of grant applications and promotion of public meetings and Park programs;
- Louisville-Nimishillen Township Historical Society--conducted petition drive to convince County Commissioners to transfer the Subject Property to the Park District and hosted a park cleanup day and festival raising money to support redevelopment of the Subject Property;
- Anthony Petitti Garden Center--local business and community supporter who has pledged to raise funds and support the parks cleanup and development, and has collaborated on the development of the gardens;
- Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce--this Chamber's jurisdiction includes the Subject Property's area. The Chamber, of which the Park District is a member, promotes the Park District's activities and has recently awarded the Park District with a prestigious "Salute Award" as a major contributor to community quality of life.

There is no plan for the Stark County Park District to fund any community-based organization with a sub award.

4. Project Benefits (15 points)

a. Health and/or Welfare and Environment (10 points)

The proposal for the Subject Property maintains land congruent to the buildings as green space as included in the Stark County Trail & Greenway Master Plan and the only park in Nimishillen Township.

With the remediation of the asbestos, the following benefits will be realized:

- the potential for the exterior grounds of the Subject Property to become contaminated with asbestos will be mitigated;
- the potential for the adjacent nursing home; residents, park visitors and even trespassers to be exposed to airborne asbestos will be mitigated;
- asbestos disposal quantities of 10,111 linear feet; 1,476 cubic yards; and 38.5 square feet;
- utilization of Subject Property for much needed outdoor recreation activities for Nimishillen Township to support healthy living lifestyles (including a trail to the adjacent Green Meadows nursing home facility for senior rehabilitation);
- redevelopment of buildings located on Subject Property into mixed use residential and commercial property to provide housing to increased population of targeted community;
- anticipated job development of historic property (average of 80 jobs created for every \$1 million invested in historic restorations) as a result of \$10-\$12 million redevelopment project;
- eliminate perceived devaluation of neighboring property to residents and/or prospective businesses of targeted community;
- improve the value of the community and neighborhood to make it more attractive for relocating businesses and/or families to the area.

b. Environmental Benefits from Infrastructure Reuse/Sustainable Reuse (5 points)

i.) Planning, Policies or Other Tools (2 points)

Stark County utilizes a Sustainable Planning & Zoning Handbook – A Guide for Sustainable Living in Stark County, Ohio (published June 2011 and revised November 2012) as a tool to foster and implement sustainable redevelopment. The project may utilize two concepts recommended in the handbook: cluster/conservation development and shared parking. As the Subject Property is located contiguous to the Molly Stark Park, the redevelopment of the property after asbestos removal will conserve the open space while allowing property to develop in a manner of general conformance within existing zoning regulations. The goal will be to gain maximum land preservation by allowing for denser concentration of development with no increase in gross density of the site. Shared parking between prospective residents and park users in the community will also adhere to suggestion made in the handbook. The addition of a trail connecting Molly Stark Park to the city of Louisville will promote alternate forms of transportation, walking and bicycling, between future residents of the redevelopment, neighbors and the closest shopping and business district, thereby reducing carbon emissions. Utilizing existing infrastructure, including roads, sewer and water access and other utilities, will help to reduce energy needed to extract asbestos. Site reclamation will provide for the reduction of carbon emissions as related to the manufacturing and transportation of materials.

ii) Examples of Efforts (3 points)

One example of efforts the Park has taken in the planning to integrate livability principles for cleanup of this particular brownfield project was to include Molly Stark Park, and an eventual trail linkage, as part of the Board approved Stark County Trail and Greenway Master Plan. The long-term goal is to develop trails that will reach into 17 townships, 14 villages, and 6 cities. An estimated 300 miles of trail will cover Stark County once the plan is fully implemented. Currently the Park manages over 90 miles of trail in Stark County, 25 of which are along the Ohio & Erie Canalway. The trails provide alternative transportation choices and the addition of Molly Stark Park as the first park in Nimishillen Township supported the existing community by adding value to the community and neighborhoods.

c. Economic and Community Benefits (5 points)

i. Economic or Other Benefits (3 points)

Long-term outcomes and benefits that will result from the implementation of this grant include multiple economic development opportunities directly relating to the redevelopment of the three targeted buildings. As developers begin the process upon asbestos removal, historical tax credits will be sought to leverage the process. According to the developer, it is anticipated that for every \$1 million invested in similar projects, an average of 80 jobs are created. The projected budget for the redevelopment of the Subject Property is \$10-\$12 million with an estimate of 800 or more jobs resulting from the project. Indirect benefits will be to area contractors, consultants and supply manufacturers.

The addition of housing to the targeted community which is already experiencing population growth related to the growing Utica Shale industry will boost the economy as employees seek housing and expand the local tax base. The targeted community has grown by over 9% and anticipates 400 new jobs with the opening of the Chesapeake Energy regional office in Louisville, located in Nimishillen Township. Consequently, additional businesses will seek locations providing similar housing alternatives with the provision of amenities proven to increase property values, such as parks and trails.

Maintaining the adjacent park property will help sustain the work of 3-5 Park staff, who will maintain park grounds, provide educational programs, and patrol the grounds to prevent vandalism. Additionally, the connection of Nimishillen's park to the Park's countywide system of hiking and biking trails will help direct traffic to nearby restaurants, ice cream parlors, and gas stations and spur the local economy. The enhancement of green space at the Subject Property will increase the value of the community and neighborhood to make it more attractive for relocating businesses and/or families to Nimishillen Township.

ii.) Job Creation Potential: Partnerships with Workforce Development Programs (2 points)

The Park has established a set of ranking criteria for request of qualification or design that grants preference to local contractors and/or vendors. The Park will require the services of a qualified engineering/environmental contracting firm to support our in-house staff for the Project; and also an Ohio-licensed asbestos abatement contractor to complete removal activities. These firms will be selected by a competitive process (that is compliant with 40 CFR parts 30 or 31) and will be fully qualified in all aspects of environmental remediation. Upon completion of abatement,

redevelopment of the Subject Property will be undertaken by local developer Steve Coon of Coon Restoration & Sealants and his development partners, also located in the State of Ohio.

5. Programmatic Capability and Past Performance (20 points)

a. Programmatic Capability (12 points)

The Park will require the services of a qualified engineering/environmental contracting firm to support our in-house staff for the Project; and also an Ohio-licensed asbestos abatement contractor to complete removal activities. These firms will be selected by a competitive process (that is compliant with 40 CFR parts 30 or 31) and will be fully qualified in all aspects of environmental remediation. The Park has extensive experience in hiring qualified firms to provide actual site work and in hiring consultants to supplement the project management capabilities of in-house staff. The Park has full staff complete with project managers, finance personnel, and a legal advisor that reviews all relevant documents.

The Park Director is Bob Fonte, a licensed Ohio civil engineer. He served previously as the Stark County Administrator, managing 20 departments and 2,000 employees and administered \$100 million annually in operating budgets and \$50 million in construction projects. During his 19 years with Stark Parks, the district has grown from 400 acres to 7,000+ acres, from 3 parks to 13, and includes 90+ miles of trails.

Sarah Buell, Projects and Administrative Manager for Stark Parks, has a B.S. in biology and has seven years experience in project management. She joined the park district in 2001 as a technology advisor during construction of a \$6 million education building. In the last three years she has coordinated numerous projects with the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, the Ohio Department of Transportation, and managed several trail-building projects utilizing state grants.

Stark Parks' Financial Manager, Barbara G. Wells, is a CPA with more than 15 years of experience tracking park grants. The Stark Parks Operations Department is managed by Todd Shaffer, who has over 17 years project management experience and currently manages the operations of parks and trails, buildings and grounds, construction, natural resources and fleet maintenance.

b. Audit Findings (2 points)

The Park has had no adverse audit findings, nor have we had any problems with the administration of any grants. Grant reports have been filed in a timely manner and projects completed within budgets.

c. Past Performance and Accomplishments (6 points)

ii. Has Not Received an EPA Brownfield Grant but has Received Other Federal or Non-Federal Assistance Agreements.

1. Purpose and Accomplishments (3 points)

- Save America's Treasures--\$190,058 federal grant to install fire suppression equipment in a 175-year old historic 5-story wooden mill
 - Output of this project was a full rehabilitation plan for the historic Mill structure.
 - The main outcome for this project was the installation of a fire suppressions system.

- Department of Public Safety/Ohio Emergency Management Agency--\$109,630.80 Severe Repetitive Loss Hazardous Mitigation Fund Grant to remove residential property from floodplain in Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio and save as greenspace in perpetuity.
 - The output of this project was the removal of residential structures from the floodplain and the outcome resulted in an improvement in water quality and an immediate solution to the health and safety of the affected residents.
- Department of Public Safety/Ohio Emergency Management Agency--\$124,310.36 in Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program funds to remove residential properties from floodplain in Sandy Township, Stark County, Ohio and save as greenspace in perpetuity
 - The output of this project was the removal of residential structures from the floodplain and the outcome resulted in an improvement in water quality and an immediate solution to the health and safety of the affected residents.
- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency--Clean Ohio Assistance Fund grant of \$191,629 to complete Phase II Environmental Assessment of Molly Stark Park
 - The output of the Phase II assessment was the determination of the level and areas of asbestos contamination on the Molly Stark Park property and the outcome is that the Park District can now pursue mitigation and development of the property.

2. Compliance with grant requirements (3 points)

- Save America's Treasures—This project accomplished the goals laid out in the application and was completed within budget and timeframe proposed and by following all grant requirements, state and federal laws and permitting.
- Department of Public Safety/Ohio Emergency Management Agency—The Park District successfully acquired and demolished the residential structure in the floodplain allowing for the residents to relocate and for the floodplain to be restored to its natural function. The project was completed on time and within budget, adhering to all grant requirements, state and federal laws and permitting requirements.
- Department of Public Safety/Ohio Emergency Management Agency--The Park District successfully acquired and demolished the residential structure in the floodplain allowing for the residents to relocate and for the floodplain to be restored to its natural function. The project was completed on time and within budget, adhering to all grant requirements, state and federal laws and permitting requirements.
- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency--Clean Ohio Assistance Fund grant of \$191,629 to complete Phase II Environmental Assessment of Molly Stark Park was completed within the timeframe and budget proposed. Initial conversations with the EPA encouraged us to reduce the original budget requested in partnership with our consultant. They agreed and the project was still completed within budget.

V.C. Other Factors

Not applicable for this grant application.

**Stark County Park District
Proposal to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
For a Hazardous Substances Cleanup Grant
For the Molly Stark Park Project-2014**

THRESHOLD CRITERIA FOR CLEANUP GRANTS

1.Applicant Eligibility

a.Eligible Entity

The grant applicant is the Stark County Park District (the Park). The Park is an eligible grant applicant as it is a "General Purpose Unit of Local Government" as defined under 40 CFR Part 31.

b.Site Ownership

The Park is the sole owner of the Subject Property and will remain the sole owner until the grant is closed out. Feasibility of converting the Subject Property to new ownership for possible redevelopment will be evaluated if grant is awarded. Adjacent property will remain owned by the Park and will be maintained as part of the Park's larger network of parks connected to the regional community as part of the Stark County Trail & Greenway Master Plan.

2.Letter from the State or Tribal Environmental Authority

A support letter from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency regarding the Park's project is attached.

3.Site Eligibility and Property Ownership Eligibility

a.Basic Site Information

- (a) Name of Site: Molly Stark Park (referenced throughout the proposal as the Subject Property)
- (b) Site Address: 7900 Columbus Road, Louisville, OH 44641, Nimishillen Township, Stark County
- (c) Site Owner: Stark County Park District
- (d) n/a

b.Status and History of Contamination at the Site

- (a) The Subject Property is contaminated by a hazardous substance -- asbestos only; therefore CERCLA 107 does not apply.
- (b) The Subject Property was agricultural land until purchased by the Stark County Commissioners in 1924 and developed between 1924 and 1929 into a tuberculosis sanitarium for children and adults until approximately 1970. In 1970, the remaining patients were transferred to a county-operated facility, and from 1970 through 1995, the Subject Property served a variety of purposes, including adult daycare, drug rehabilitation, physical rehabilitation and MRDD programming. Since 1995, the facility has remained largely abandoned and was utilized as storage for county records until the property sale to the Park.

In 2009, the Park purchased the Subject Property from the Stark County Commissioners for \$1, opening the grounds as a park. Currently the Subject Property is being transitioned into Nimishillen Township's first public park with trails, picnic areas, and abundant open space, which provides Stark County residents with additional outdoor recreation facilities, as the Subject Property becomes part of a larger network of parks connected to the regional community.

Currently three (3) buildings remain on the site -- the main hospital, the children's hospital and the boiler building along with interconnecting tunnels.

(c) In 2009, an Ohio VAP Phase II Property Assessment and an Asbestos Survey were completed on the Subject Property. Based on the results of the VAP Phase II Property Assessment investigation for Chemicals of Concern (COCs) in soil and groundwater were not detected at concentrations above applicable standards. However, the Asbestos Survey conducted on the interiors of the Subject Property structures (former Main Hospital Building; former Children's Hospital Building; former Boiler Building; and interconnecting utility Tunnels) determined that regulated asbestos containing-materials (ACM) were present throughout each of the structures and the tunnels.

(d) Since the closing of the facility in 1995, there has been significant deterioration of the buildings and building components, which contain the asbestos, due to the lack of maintenance and the increase in vandalism. Roof leaks and window openings have allowed water penetration to the building interior throughout all wings and floors. Vandals have stolen heating systems and potable water distribution piping from the buildings. Ceiling tile, ceiling and wall plasters were removed to expose the piping. Thermal system insulation (TSI) associated with the piping was removed and discarded at the point of removal. Debris within these areas is commingled with the discarded TSI.

With the Park's efforts to secure the structures, the asbestos has been contained to the interior of the structures. The Phase II investigation confirmed that no asbestos was found in the soils on the exterior of the structures.

The 2009 Asbestos Survey summarizes the following quantifies of asbestos:

- 10,111 linear feet
- 1,476 cubic yards
- 136 joints
- 38.5 square feet

c. Sites Ineligible for Funding

The Subject Property is

- (a) not listed the National Priorities List;
- (b) not subject to unilateral administrative orders, court orders, administrative orders on consent, or judicial consent decrees issued to or entered into by parties under CERCLA; and
- (c) not subject to jurisdiction, custody, or control of the United States government.

d. Sites Requiring a Property-Specific Determination

The Subject Property is not within the class of properties that require a site-specific designation to be eligible for funding.

e. Environmental Assessment Required for Cleanup Proposals

The Park hired McCabe Engineering & Contracting (McCabe) in 2009 to complete an Ohio Voluntary Action Program (VAP) Phase II Property Assessment and Asbestos Survey. All activities were funded by a grant of \$191,629 from the Clean Ohio Assistance Fund.

The Phase II required an evaluation of Subject Property identified areas described in the 2008 VAP Phase I Property Assessment report. The evaluation included a subsurface soil and ground water investigation. Based on the results of the Phase II assessment activities, chemicals of concern in soil and ground water were not detected at concentrations above applicable standards.

The Asbestos Survey was conducted at the Subject Property and the findings detail regulated asbestos containing-materials (ACM) are present throughout the structures and tunnels. The survey provides the estimation of contaminant volume, and therefore, the cleanup costs.

Property Ownership Eligibility

a. CERCLA §107 Liability

The Park is not potentially liable for contamination at the site under CERCLA §107. The Stark County Commissioners were the owner and operator of the Subject Property from 1924 to 2009. When the facilities were closed in 1995, the lack of maintenance and heat led to the significant deterioration of the facility including the destruction of the building components, which contain the asbestos.

The Park is a bona fide prospective purchaser per provision (CERCLA § 107(4)). In 2009, the Park purchased the Subject Property from the Stark County Commissioners for \$1, opening the grounds (~ 38.5 acres) as a park, while attempting to secure the buildings from continued vandalism. The Park installed a gate to limit access; secured potential entry points on buildings; sealed manholes leading to the tunnels; erected no trespassing signs; and posted "Keep Out-Asbestos Danger" signs. With the Park's efforts to limit access to the buildings to vandals, they also restricted pathway for the asbestos contamination to exit the building via broken windows, doors, etc. and potentially contaminate the soil around the buildings. With these measures the Park has subsequently been successful in keeping the asbestos contamination to the interior of the structures.

b. Enforcement or Other Actions

The Park is not aware of any inquiries or orders from federal, state, or local governments regarding responsibility of any party for the contamination or hazardous substances on site, including any liens. No liens were identified during transfer of the Subject Property to the Park.

c.Information on Liability and Defenses/Protections

i.) Information on the Property Acquisition

- The Park acquired the Subject Property from the Stark County Commissioner for \$1.00.
- The Park Board authorized the purchase of the Subject Property on October 2, 2008; the Auditor recorded the property deed on April 20, 2009.
- The nature of the ownership is "fee simple ownership".
- The Subject Property was acquired from the Stark County Commissioners, a 3-member elected board, and former owner and operator.
- The Park was established in 1967 as a separate political entity under Ohio Revised Code 1545. The Park is governed by a volunteer board of commissioners appointed by the elected county Probate Judge, not by the Stark County Commissioners.

Since 1988 the Park has been wholly self-sufficient financially and is supported by a property tax levy voted by county residents and administered by the elected County Auditor. Under lease agreements with the Stark County Commissioners, the Park has managed the Ohio & Erie Canal lands and Sippo Lake Park. The Park employees are covered under the same health care contract as other county employees although payment for such coverage is paid by the employees and the Park, not by the county's General Fund.

ii.) Timing and/or Contribution Toward Hazardous Substance Disposal

The Park has not caused or contributed to any disposal or release of hazardous substances on the Subject Property prior to or subsequent to acquisition. All hazardous substances at the Subject Property occurred before acquisition. The Park also has not, at any time, arranged for the disposal of hazardous substances at or transported hazardous substances to the Subject Property.

iii.) Pre-Purchase Inquiry

- A Phase I Property Assessment (Phase I) was completed on the Subject Property under Ohio's Voluntary Action Program (VAP). VAP is Ohio's brownfield investigation and cleanup program and is equivalent to the All Appropriate Inquiry. The Phase I was completed in September 2008, by McCabe Engineering & Contracting on behalf of the Stark County Commissioners (the former owner). The Phase I was developed to support the transition of the Subject Property.
- Under Ohio's VAP, a Certified Professional (CP) must be utilized in the development and the certification of any findings regarding the Phase I. Mr. Edward McCabe, an Ohio Professional Engineer and Ohio CP#102 certified the VAP Phase I on the Subject Property.
- The VAP Phase I was completed within the 180 days of the Park Board passing Resolution #08-10-094 authorizing the Park to negotiate the purchase of the Subject Property for \$1.00 from the Stark County Commissioners; although the actual recording of the property deed by the Stark County Auditor occurred approximately 20 days after the 180 days.

iv.) Post-Acquisition Uses

Since acquiring the Subject Property, the Park has sponsored or cosponsored a variety of outdoor programming on the grounds around the three buildings, including the following:

- 11.8.08--Grounds cleanup, cosponsored by Nimishillen Township Bicentennial Committee and the Park
- 4.22.09--Park Kickoff and Tree Planting Ceremony--featuring 100+ guests, including township trustees, bicentennial commission members, park staff
- 7.2009--Craft Show/Festival cosponsored by Nimishillen Township Bicentennial Committee with 20+ tented booths
- 7.10.10--Movie Night cosponsored by the Park, Green Meadows Care Center, Louisville Public Library, Pinnacle Press and private individual
- 12.21.10--Molly Stark Park by Moonlight Hike, conducted by the Park's naturalist
- 6.11.11--Wild Ride for Wildlife: Molly Stark Park was one of five stops in a fundraising event for motorcycle riders that benefited the wildlife rehabilitation services of the park district
- 7.5.11--Fireflies & Spider Eyes--conducted by the Park's naturalist
- In 2011-7.14/8.4/11.15 and in 2012-1.19/6.7/8.9/9.18 and in 2013-3.26/4.16/7.16/8.15/9.10/11.19--Guided history tour of grounds by the Park's history programmer
- 10.12.11/1.10.12--Molly Stark Park by Moonlight Tour--conducted by the Park's history programmer
- 11.14.11--Tour around the hospital building given to six professional engineers during a professional-development-hours seminar sponsored by the Park
- 12.20.11--Molly Stark Luminary Walk conducted by the Park's staff
- 5.12.12/5.24.12/5.14.13--The Big Read: Molly Stark Park Tour, conducted by Park staff and Massillon Museum staff to discuss the writings of Edgar Allen Poe and the history of the buildings at Molly Stark
- 8.15.12--Audubon Bird Walk conducted by the Park's staff
- 8.31.12--Blue Moon Hike conducted by the Park's staff
- 6.13.13/10.10.13--Sensational Seniors: Molly Stark Park Tour conducted by Park's staff
- 7.16.13--Beginning Archery Camp conducted by Park's staff
- 9.28.13--Saturday morning bird walk conducted by Park's staff
- 10.28.13--Full Moon Fest conducted by Park's staff
- 12.21.13--Winter Solstice Hike conducted by Park's staff

v.) Continuing Obligations

The Park took immediate action to secure the Subject Property including:

- installed a gate to limit access;
- secured potential entry points on buildings;
- sealed manholes leading to the tunnels;
- erected no trespassing signs;
- posted "Keep Out-Asbestos Danger" signs;
- began routine patrols by Park Rangers

With the Park's efforts to limit access to the buildings to vandals, they also restricted pathway for the asbestos contamination to exit the building via broken windows, doors, etc. and potentially contaminate the soil surround the buildings. With these measures the Park has subsequently been successful in keeping the asbestos contamination to the interior of the structures.

The Park has and will continue to comply with the all land-use restrictions and institutional controls, assist and cooperate with those performing the cleanup and provide access to the Subject Property; comply with all information requests and administrative subpoenas that have or may be issued in connection with the property; and provide all legally required notices.

d. Petroleum Sites

Not applicable to the Subject Property

4. Cleanup Authority and Oversight Structure

a. The Park is a volunteer under Ohio's cleanup program -- the Voluntary Action Program (VAP)--and the Subject Property is on the State's Brownfield Inventory as a brownfield. The Subject Property's Phase I and Phase II Property Assessments were completed under the VAP, which requires Certified Professional and Certified Laboratories be utilized, as both are annually certified by the State.

By participating in the State's VAP, the Park was able to apply for Ohio's Clean Ohio Assistance Fund, a grant to pay for Phase II Property Assessments. With the award of the grant, the Park hired McCabe Engineering, & Contracting of Richfield, Ohio, and completed the VAP Phase II Property Assessment in January 2010.

The Park will continue to work with McCabe, the State, and hopefully the USEPA regarding the cleanup of the Subject Property to ensure protectiveness of human health and the environment.

b. The Park has well established and on-going relationships with all adjacent owners, including the Nimishillen Township Fire Department and Green Meadows Health & Wellness Center. The Park has held numerous public meetings regarding the redevelopment and remediation activities at the Subject Property.

While access to adjacent properties is not necessary to conduct the cleanup, the Park has reached out to adjacent property owner (i.e. Green Meadows) to request hook up to the water supply in an effort to reduce costs for the asbestos abatement.

5. Cost Share

a. Statutory Cost Share

i) The Park is prepared to provide the 20% (\$40,000) for the cost share in the form of in-kind labor, materials, program management and contractual oversight funded through the Park's general fund. Only EPA eligible and allowable expenses will be included.

ii) The Park is not requesting a hardship waiver of the cost share.

6. Community Notification

The Park held a public meeting regarding USEPA Cleanup Grant Proposal at 6:30 p.m. on January 9, 2014 at Nimishillen Township Fire Station #3, adjacent to the Subject Property. Meeting minutes and attendance sign-in sheets are attached, with the Park's comments.

The draft Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) was on file at the Louisville Public Library from January 9-21, 2014 for a public comment period. The ABCA was also posted online on www.StarkParks.com. Over 100 Community Input forms were received in full support of the project and required no response.

Notice of the public meeting was published in the Louisville Herald newspaper on Thursday, January 2, 2014. Notice was also posted on www.StarkParks.com, and press releases sent to county media were printed in the *Alliance Review* daily newspaper in the January 4-5, 2014 edition, in the *Akron Beacon Journal* on January 3, 2014, in the *Canton Repository* on January 5, 2014 and online at *TopNewsToday.org*.

Attached to the proposal are:

- a copy of the draft ABCA;
- a copy of ad that demonstrates notification to public and solicitation of comments;
- meeting notes with summary of public comments and responses;
- attendance sheet from meeting;

Not included are comments received or responses to the public comments as there were no questions regarding the application, only positive responses submitted via community input forms.



John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
Craig W. Butler, Interim Director

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January 10, 2014

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
Brownfields and Early Action Section
ATTN: Linda Mangrum and Kelley Moore
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Mail Code SM-7J
Chicago, IL 60604-3507

RE: Stark County Park District Cleanup Grant Proposal

Dear Ms. Mangrum and Ms. Moore:

I am pleased to offer Ohio EPA's support for the Stark County Park District Cleanup Grant proposal. We have worked with Ohio's Brownfield communities in the past and hope to be able to provide support to the Stark County Park District under the Assessment, Cleanup and Revolving Loan Fund Grant program established by the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfield Revitalization Act (P.L. 107-118).

The funding the Stark County Park District is requesting will be used for a site specific project at Molly Stark Park. The park district intends to remain in Ohio's Voluntary Action Program and the property is currently listed in Ohio's Brownfield Inventory. Benefits of the Molly Stark Park Project will include removing asbestos from hazardous and steam pipe tunnels to make way for the development of the buildings into commercial space, residential apartment units with a community meeting room and converting the adjacent acreage into open and recreational space.

We look forward to working with the Stark County Park District and U.S. EPA on this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 614-644-2285.

Sincerely,

Amy Yersavich, Manager
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Site Assistance and Brownfield Revitalization

cc: Robert A. Fonte, Director, Stark County Park District
Rod Beals, Ohio EPA, DERR/NEDO
Nancy Zikmanis, Ohio EPA, DERR/NEDO

"Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives"

Introduction & History

Stark County Park District has developed a draft proposal to submit to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) requesting a \$200,000 grant to fund asbestos abatement cleanup activities at the Molly Stark Park, a brownfield property.

Formerly owned by the Stark County Commissioners, the Molly Stark Park is located at 7900 Columbus Road NE, Louisville, Nimishillen Township, and Stark County, Ohio 44641 and was known previously as the Molly Stark Sanatorium that opened in 1929 as a therapeutic hospital for those suffering from Tuberculosis (TB).

In the 1950s the name officially changed to the Molly Stark Hospital, although the hospital continued to treat TB cases up until 1970. In 1970, the remaining adult patients were transferred to the County operated JT Nist Health Care Center, and from 1970 through 1995, Molly Stark served a variety of purposes, including adult daycare, drug rehabilitation, physical rehabilitation and MRDD programming. Since 1995, the facility has remained largely abandoned.

In 2009, the Stark County Park District purchased the Molly Stark property from the Stark County Commissioners for \$1, opening the grounds as a park. The property's transition to Nimishillen Township's first public park with trails, picnic areas, and abundant open space provides Stark County residents with additional outdoor recreation facilities, as Molly Stark becomes part of a larger network of parks connected to the regional community.

Environmental Background

September 2008-Phase I Property Assessment

McCabe Engineering and Contracting (McCabe) completed an Ohio Voluntary Action Program (VAP) Phase I Property Assessment for the former Molly Stark Hospital Property on behalf of the Board of Stark County Commissioners.

The VAP Phase I Property Assessment described 12 identified areas (IAs). However, after completion of this property assessment, the Board of Stark County Commissioners split the parcels, which eliminated one IA (the Active Treatment Plant Filter Beds located on the Waste Water Treatment Plan (WWTP) tract of land) situated at the southern most area of the property. Transfer of ownership to Stark County Park District included eleven IAs as follows:

- IA-1** Former Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) adjacent to the Boiler Building
- IA-2** Former Gasoline UST east of Receiving Area
- IA-3** Former Molly Stark Hospital Building and Surrounding Grounds
- IA-4** Former Power House and Maintenance Area
- IA-5** Former Nurses' and Administrator's Quarters and Surrounding Grounds
- IA-6** Interior of Pavilion Storage Building

IA-7 Oil and Gas Well Area

IA-8 Former Filter Beds on Eastern Parcel

IA-9 Former Filter Beds and Septic Tank at southeast corner of Main Parcel

IA-10 Northern Portion of Eastern Parcel

IA-11 Former Children's Hospital Building and Surrounding Grounds

January 2011-Phase II Property Assessment and Asbestos Survey

McCabe completed Ohio VAP Phase II Property Assessment activities and an Asbestos Survey for the Molly Stark Property on behalf of the Stark County Park District. Funding for the Phase II Assessment came from a Clean Ohio Assistance Fund (COAF) grant.

The VAP Phase II Property Assessment required an evaluation of Property IAs described in the VAP Phase I Property Assessment report. The evaluation included a subsurface soil and groundwater investigation conducted on the Property.

Based on the results of the VAP Phase II Property Assessment activities, Chemicals of Concern (COCs) in soil and groundwater were not detected at concentrations above applicable standards, supporting the Certified Professional's conclusion that no releases of hazardous substances or petroleum products have or may have occurred on, underlying or are emanating from the Property.

The asbestos survey was conducted on the interiors of property structures: former Main Hospital Building; former Children's Hospital Building; former Boiler Building; and interconnecting utility tunnels. The survey data indicated regulated asbestos containing-materials (ACM) are present throughout each of the structures.

The existing property structures containing regulated ACM are currently vacant. The structures are secured and signage is displayed alerting the public of the interior asbestos hazard. Stark County Park District Rangers regularly patrol the property to deter transient and/or trespasser activity.

Activities should be undertaken for the property to continue to meet applicable standards. These activities include the following:

- Continue to maintain Property security measures and the integrity of the buildings' enclosures;
- Conduct an asbestos abatement of the Property structures in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-20.

Applicable Regulations and Cleanup Standards

Asbestos abatement activities are required to be completed according to protocols set forth under OAC 3701.34 and 3745.20 and US EPA's National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) Regulation 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 61, Subpart M.

NESHAP Regulation 40 CFR Part 61, Subpart M is the standard for hazardous air pollutants, as it pertains to asbestos, and is enforced by the USEPA.

OAC 3745.20 pertains specifically to asbestos emission control, which includes regulations regarding asbestos including abatement, demolition, renovation, repair, enclosure, disposal, notifications, inspections, reporting, and operations and maintenance and is enforced by the Ohio EPA.

OAC 3701.31 includes regulations regarding the Ohio Department of Health's Asbestos Program that licenses and certifies companies and persons directly involved with the asbestos abatement industry. The program regulates contractors performing asbestos removal projects, project supervisors, project designers, workers removing asbestos, persons inspecting buildings for ACM and developing plans to manage asbestos found in a facility, persons conducting air sampling for asbestos and the companies that provide required asbestos training.

For the cleanup activities required at the Molly Stark Park Project, the applicant will utilize the services of an Ohio-licensed asbestos abatement Contractor, who will supply the Ohio-trained and licensed asbestos abatement Contractor, who will supply the Ohio-trained and licensed staff including project supervisors, workers, etc...as defined in OAC 3701.31, and utilize a licensed asbestos disposal facility.

Evaluation of Cleanup Alternatives

The only cleanup activity required at the Molly Stark Park Project is asbestos abatement. In conjunction with the determination of whether to redevelop or raze the structures, various asbestos abatement alternatives were evaluated, such as:

- An Operations & Maintenance Plan (O&M Plan);
- Repair;
- Enclosure; or
- Encapsulation

With the proposal of the adaptive reuse by converting the buildings into mixed-use commercial and residential apartment space, remediation of the asbestos will include the containment, transportation, and disposal of the asbestos in compliance with all local, state and federal regulations. Adjacent property will be maintained as green space with trails leading to Louisville and be incorporated into the park district's larger network of parks and trails as identified in the Stark County Trail & Greenway Master Plan.

Coon Restoration & Sealants
7349 Ravenna Avenue N.E.
Louisville, OH 44641

January 9, 2014

Mr. Robert Fonte, Director
Stark County Park District
5300 Tyner Street N.W.
Canton, OH 44708

Re: Molly Stark Facility-Letter of Interest

Dear Bob:

As a professional developer with a business operating in Louisville and as a Louisville resident, I have a strong personal and professional interest in the future of Molly Stark Hospital located in Nimishillen Township. The Molly Stark facility is a historically significant piece of our heritage and myself, as well as my business partner, support the Stark County Park District's efforts to obtain an U.S. EPA Brownfields Cleanup grant to remove asbestos from the property.

With vision, experience and the financial ability to save this structure, our development group is interested in saving the buildings for market rate housing. Bringing new life to the area will accommodate the needs of our growing community and preserve the unique nuances of architecture possessed by Molly Stark that are so appreciated by residents of Stark County. We propose that Stark Parks continues to move forward to abate the facility and once complete, we will coordinate efforts with the park district to secure the facility for future development.

After successfully opening the Historic Mercantile Lofts in Hamilton, near Cincinnati in 2012 and successfully converting three, 140 year-old buildings into 29 residential apartments and five commercial spaces, I understand the economic impact that adaptive reuse of historic buildings can give to a community. With the removal of asbestos from Molly Stark, we can move forward with the sustainable option of building reclamation and provide job growth and housing alternatives to Stark County. I strongly support this grant and if you require further information, please feel free to contact our office at Coon Restoration and Sealants, 330.875.2100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Coon", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steve Coon



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January 21, 2014

Bob Fonte, Director
Stark County Park District
5300 Tyner St. NW
Canton, OH 44708

Dear Bob:

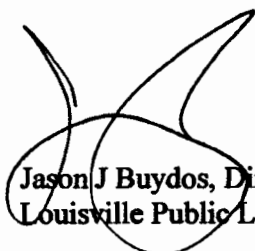
I am writing this letter of support for the Stark County Park District to receive a Brownfield Grant to assist in the removal of asbestos from the former Molly Stark Hospital and other buildings at Molly Stark Park.

As a Director of a small public library located just 5 miles from the Molly Stark Park, we have worked extensively with the park district to provide a wide variety of programs to the community. We have also assisted with Stark County Park District to gather public comments on pending grants – a Phase II Environmental Assessment Grant from the Ohio EPA and for this pending federal EPA grant. The ABCA for this pending EPA grant was also displayed in our library for public viewing.

It is our hope that with the removal of asbestos from the property, the Louisville Public Library will be able to offer cooperative programs at Molly Stark Park to connect our community to nature and history. As the buildings are redeveloped, we anticipate being considered as a partner with a possible satellite location after renovations.

Please feel free to contact me at the address shown above if you have any questions about the library's partnership with the Stark County Park District and the Molly Stark Park Project.

Sincerely,



Jason J Buydos, Director
Louisville Public Library



January 14, 2014

Louisville-Nimishillen Historical Society
P.O. Box 305
Louisville, Ohio 44641-0305

Mr. Robert Fonte Director
and the Stark County Park District Board

The Louisville-Nimishillen Historical Society is writing to add support to the Stark County Park District's USEPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant Application for the removal of asbestos from the buildings located on the Molly Stark Park property; formerly the Molly Stark Hospital.

The main building on this property is one of the most architecturally beautiful and impressive buildings in Stark County and, by all means, should be preserved for future generations to enjoy. The property is located in Ninishillen Township, Stark County, and is, frankly, one of the last historic buildings of any kind remaining in the Township.

The community has rallied around the idea of preserving that building for years, and the Stark County Park District partnership with developer Steve Coon, and his group, has resurrected that hope. The next step for this to happen is the USEPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant approval to remove the asbestos.

Mr. Coon's plan will not only provide housing in a beautiful setting, it will help provide needed economic development in Nimishillen Township and the near-by city of Louisville. With a total population of less than twenty thousand residents combined in Louisville and Nimishillen Township, the community needs grants of this type to allow for economic growth and at the same time preservation of its finest assets. It is the right thing to do.

This community is appreciative of the efforts of the Stark County Park District to date on the development of the park, and we trust the grant will be approved so we can see the building restored to grandeur we enjoyed sixty to seventy years ago. For those granting the funds, if you read this letter, it is the right thing to do for our community.

Thank you,

The Board of Trustees
Louisville-Nimishillen Historical Society

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A. Griffin

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LEGAL NOTICE
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RESPONSORY FOR A BROWNFIELD
CLEANUP GRANT FROM U.S. EPA

The Stark County Park District is applying for a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for a Brownfield Cleanup Grant of the Molly Stark Hospital property located at 7900 Columbus Road to insure the safe and proper public meeting to discuss and solicit comments on the grant application will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan 9, 2014 at the Nimishillen Township Fire Station No. 3 at 8000 Columbus Road, Louisville, OH 44641 (next to Molly Stark Park). The application will be available for review at the Louisville Public Library located at 7641 Lincoln Avenue from Tuesday, Jan 7 through Tuesday, Jan 21, 2014. Application information will be available online at www.starkparks.com. Any questions may be referred to Sarah Buell at Stark County Park District, 5300 Tyner St. N.W., Canton OH 44708 for receipt by Fax, Jan 21, 2014.

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COMMUNITY INPUT

Comments and suggestions are requested from the community (residential, business, and political). We ask that if you have any input or comments regarding the Stark County Park District's USEPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant Application for the Molly Stark Park Project, you write your remarks below.

Providing your name is optional; however, please note if you select to provide us with your name (so we may contact you if there are additional questions), **your name will be kept confidential.**

Your Name and Address (Optional):

Name Anthony Pelitti GARDEN CENTER Telephone # 330-455-5997
Address 5824 Columbus Rd Louisville, Ohio 44641

In your own words, please state any comments, concerns, suggestions, or general remarks regarding the Stark County Park District's USEPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant Application: _____

We, as a small business in Nimishillen Twp
are very excited to see plans being made
for the Molly Stark Building.

It will only help our Twp. Financially
and also bring jobs to the area. We
would love to see this facility full
of activity.

Andy Pelitti
Pres.

Please attach additional pages if necessary.

Please provide comments no later than Friday, January 17, 2014 to Ms. Sarah Buell, Stark County Park District, 5300 Tyner Street NW, Canton OH 44708. For additional information or if you have any questions, please contact Sarah Buell at (330) 477-3552.



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January 17, 2014

Mr. Robert Fonte
Director
Stark County Park District
5300 Tyner St. NW
Canton, OH 44708

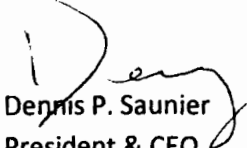
Dear Bob:



The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce supports the Stark County Park District's application for the US EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant to remove asbestos from the former Molly Stark Hospital buildings located at Molly Stark Park in Nimishillen Township. The removal of the asbestos will move the community one step closer to achieving its goal of saving the hospital for future redevelopment by area developer Steve Coon.

As Stark County continues to be the corporate foothold for the Utica Shale industry, communities must be proactive to ensure they are providing the infrastructure, residential facilities and amenities that attract economic development. By converting this brownfield into apartments with unique architectural elements that are adjacent to Stark County Park property, businesses and employees will be drawn to the quality of life that Stark County can provide.


Initiatives to improve our community's quality of life by providing housing, parks and trails are fully supported by the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce. Please consider this first step to helping an important development effort.

Regards,


Dennis P. Saunier
President & CEO



Nickel Plate Trail



Molly Stark EPA Grant Synopsis

The Stark County Park District is applying for a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for a Brownfield Cleanup Grant for the Molly Stark Park property located at 7900 Columbus Road, Louisville, OH 44641. A public meeting was held on Jan. 9 to discuss the grant.

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In BRIEF...

Allstate agency owner earns service designation

As a business leader and involved citizen in the Alliance area, the Allstate agency of Jason Durica has been designated on Allstate Premier Service Agency for 2013. The Allstate Premier Service Agency designation is bestowed upon less than 38 percent of Allstate's nearly 10,000 agency owners across the country. This designation was presented to Durica, an Allstate agency owner, for his outstanding performance and commitment to putting customers at the center of his agency's work. The Premier Service Agency designation is awarded to Allstate agency owners who have demonstrated excellence in delivering an accessible, knowledgeable and personal customer experience, and in achieving outstanding business results. Durica's agency is located at 1210 W. State St. in Alliance and can be reached at 330-829-9395.

PCC offering adoption, kinship support group

Pathway Caring for Children is offering an adoption and kinship support group the third Tuesday of each month at Minerva United Methodist Church, 204 N. Main St., Minerva. The group will meet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with lunch and child care provided for children living with attendees. The next meeting will be held Jan. 21. To register, or for more information, call Rachel at 330-818-0448 or email rachel@pathwayccf.org.

BMV offers multi-year registration

The Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) is now issuing multi-year/permanent registrations to those customers who have a commercial trailer or semitrailer vehicle registered in Ohio. Multi-year (two to seven years) and permanent (eight years) registrations will allow customers to purchase multi-year commercial trailer and semitrailer registrations for up to seven consecutive years or pay the equivalent of eight years of registration fees to receive a permanent registration plate (for the life of the trailer, nontransferable). For more information, view the frequently asked questions section at www.ohioBMV.gov or call the Ohio BMV at 614-752-7800.

Record-low deaths in Stark County

According to a report from state officials, less than 1,000 people died on Ohio roadways during 2013. Provisional statistics for the state show there have been 981 possible traffic deaths in Ohio during the year. There were six traffic fatalities in Stark County during the fourth quarter of 2013, bringing the total for the year to 25 deaths. That number is down from 2012, when there were 33 traffic deaths in Stark County. Available data shows that approximately 48 percent of the total traffic crashes in Stark County during 2013 were alcohol and/or drug related.

Fire destroys car, damages home in Lexington Township on Friday

By BAYLE AGNEW
agnew@the-review.com

Fire destroyed a car and damaged a home on McCallum Avenue in Lexington Township on Friday. The Lexington Township Fire Department responded to a reported car fire at approximately 3:30 p.m. at the home of David Albert, 13866 McCallum Ave. According to Albert, the 2004 Chevy Cavalier was his wife's car. The engine was running when it started smoking and caught fire, he said. Albert said he purchased the car approximately one month ago and estimated the loss at around \$5,000. Stark County Sheriff's Deputy Rich Gurley was on the scene and stated that the car was unoccupied at the time of the fire. "It was parked in close proximity to the house," Gurley said. He estimated roughly \$3,000 worth of damage was done to the home.

@Agnew_AR on Twitter



A damaged Chevy Cavalier rests in front of the McCallum Avenue home of David Albert on Friday. A fire, which apparently started after the running engine began smoking, destroyed the car and also caused damage to the home before being put out by the Lexington Township Fire Department. Damage was estimated at \$5,000 for the vehicle and \$3,000 for the home.

Stark DD to get \$340,344 HVAC system

By LARSEN HOFFMAN
hoffman@the-review.com

The heating, ventilating and air-conditioning system at the Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities' West Stark Center will be replaced, based on a recommendation issued to the Stark County commissioners by the superintendent, Bill Green, and two members of the Stark DD board, Carlene Harmon and Daniel Sutler. The Stark DD board reported a unanimous vote

was received in favor of the replacement when the matter went before the seven-member board. The new system will cost \$340,344, which is well within the commissioners' request to keep the project under \$450,000 when they previously approved putting the job out for bid. The board indicated the current HVAC system at West Stark Center, located at 7891 Hills and Dales Road N.E. in Massillon, is 32 years old and "near the end of its life." The board advertised

the project on Nov. 18, Nov. 25 and Dec. 2, and the project received bids from four companies: Whisler Plumbing and Heating of Massillon, which was the lowest bidder at \$340,344; Prout Boiler, at \$363,000; Standard Plumbing and Heating, at \$367,475; and Synergy LLC, at \$399,500. The commissioners' three-member board, consisting of Tom Bernabei, Janet Weir Creighton and Richard Regula, approved the project at lowest bid cost. It was

noted Whisler Plumbing and Heating was most recently hired as the mechanical contractor for Stark State College's Technology and Test Center, near the Akron/Canton Airport, which the company completed on time with satisfactory results. Stark DD board members, along with Harmon and Sutler, are Tom Bucka, Roger Gines, Richard Hoffman, Larry Marcus and Rebecca Stallman.

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Two from Alliance to serve with NEFCO

By LARSEN HOFFMAN
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A total of 10 board members were reappointed or appointed to serve on the Northeast Ohio Four County Regional Planning and Development Organization, following recent approval by the three-member board of Stark County commissioners, consisting of President Tom Bernabei, Janet Weir Creighton and Richard Regula. The appointed or reappointed individuals, which include two from Alliance, will serve on NEFCO's General Policy Board for a one-year term beginning Jan. 1 and ending Dec. 31. Appointed or reappointed NEFCO General Policy Board members are: James Troike, Stark County engineer; Herman Hill, Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority director; Porreus Barber, Barber Aircraft Inc., Lexington Township; Al Henen, Massillon safety service director; Vince Marion, Alliance director of development; Joe Underwood, director of Stark County Regional Planning; Linda Chain, Lexington Township zoning inspector; Jim Benekos, North Canton engineer; Richard Regula, Stark County commissioner; and Keith Bennett, Stark County engineer.

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Molly Stark Park meeting is Thursday

The Stark County Park District is applying for a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for a Brownfield Cleanup Grant for the Molly Stark Park property, located at 7900 Columbus Road, Louisville.

A public meeting to discuss and solicit comments on the grant application will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Nimishillen Township Fire Station No. 3 at 8000 Columbus Road, outside Louisville. A synopsis of the application will be available for review at the Louisville Public Library at 700 Lincoln Ave. from Tuesday through Jan. 21. Application information will also be available online at www.StarkParks.com. Questions may be referred to

Sarah Buell at 330-477-3552, and written comments may be sent to the Stark County Park District, 5300 Tyner St. N.W., Canton, for receipt by Jan. 21.

The park property includes three abandoned buildings that will be subject to the brownfield cleanup project: the five-story hospital, the former children's hospital that was later used as apartments for medical personnel and a boiler building. Two required environmental assessments determined that the major contaminant in the buildings is asbestos, which will have to be removed prior to potential development and/or demolition of the buildings. Owned by the Stark County commissioners until April 2009, the 34-acre property is

now managed by the Stark County Park District. Stark Parks completed an EPA-required Phase 2 Environmental Assessment in 2011, in preparation for removing the buildings and redeveloping the grounds as Nimishillen Township's first park.

Local developer Steve Coon is partnering with Stark Parks and northeast Ohio developers to determine the feasibility of repurposing the former tuberculosis hospital into a mixed-use commercial and residential apartment complex. The adjacent park land would continue its purpose as stated in the Stark County Trail and Greenway Master Plan as a passive park with hiking and bicycling trails, picnic grounds and on-site educational programs.

Lexington Grange member sings in state showcase

Judy Milburn from Lexington Grange represented the Ohio State Grange in the talent showcase at the National Grange convention on Nov. 15 in New Hampshire. The Evening of Excellence took place at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester.

Milburn sang "A Living Prayer" by Allison Krauss. Other representatives from Ohio included Arden Pritch from Richland County, who gave a dramatic speech about the family farmer, and Jennifer Lanstrum from Geauga County, presenting sign language to "Whom Shall I Fear?" by Chris Tomlin. The 147th annual convention ran from Nov. 12 to 18 and was hosted by the Northeast Region, consisting of New Hampshire, Maine,

Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Connecticut and Vermont.

States represented at the conference ranged as far west as Washington, south west as Oklahoma and as far east as New York. Adult, youth and junior sessions were held, with special events that participants could elect to enjoy. Participants in the Evening of Excellence had competed at the state level to win Best of Show for their state. Milburn was a runner-up in the state contest held in Columbus at the State Fair.

Other category winners from Lexington Grange included Jenna McNeil, vocal solo, 10-14; Rebecca Milburn and Jenna McNeil, vocal duet, 10-14; Luanne Beadnell,

Story Telling; Judy Milburn and Beadnell, vocal duet, 22 and over; and the Lexington Grange vocal group consisting of Megan McNeil, Judy Milburn, Jill McNeil, Luanne Beadnell, Rebecca Milburn and Jenna McNeil. The Milburns also placed second in the family talent category.

Milburn works as an activity assistant at Altercare of Alliance and is a member of the choir at Alliance Baptist Temple. She has sung and played flute at various churches, nursing homes and Granges over the past 30 years, including time with the First Friends Messengers group through Malone University.

Anyone interested in joining Lexington Grange may contact Jill McNeil at 330-823-6830.



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Stark park district may clean ex-hospital

EPA grant would pay to repair or raze abandoned buildings in Nimishillen

By Bob Downing
Beacon Journal staff writer



Published: January 3, 2014 - 05:04 PM

The Stark County Park District will hold a public meeting Thursday on its seeking a brownfield cleanup grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The meeting on the proposed cleanup at Molly Stark Park will be at 6:30 p.m. at Nimishillen Township Fire Station No. 3, 8000 Columbus Road NE.

The park property includes three abandoned buildings that will be subject to the brownfield cleanup project. They are a five-story hospital, the former children's hospital that later was used as apartments for medical personnel and a boiler building. Two required environmental assessments determined that the major contaminant in the buildings is asbestos, which will have to be removed before development or demolition of the buildings.

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The adjacent parkland would continue as a passive park with hiking and bicycling trails, picnic grounds and on-site educational programs.

Bob Downing can be reached at 330-996-3745 or bdowning@thebeaconjournal.com.

Find this article at:

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Former North Canton council candidate appeals state's decision

NORTH CANTON Former at-large city council candidate Robert "Jamie" McCleaster announced Friday he will appeal a November decision that determined wording in his campaign literature was false, according to a news release.

The Ohio Elections Commission in November decided McCleaster and council candidate Hillary Mueller violated state elections law by making

false statements in their campaign mailers, which said the council had voted itself a raise.

No penalty was imposed following the commission's decision, and the case wasn't referred for prosecution, according to a previous Repository report.

McCleaster said in the press release he maintains that he said was correct.

REPOSITORY STAFF REPORT

Molly Stark Park public meeting Thursday

NIMISHILLEN TWP. A public meeting is scheduled for Thursday to discuss and solicit feedback about a grant to clean up the Molly Stark Park property.

The Stark County Park District is applying to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for a Brownfield Cleanup Grant for the Molly Stark Park property at 7900 Columbus Road NE.

The meeting is 6:30 p.m. at the Nimishillen Township Fire Station No. 3, 8000 Columbus Road NE.

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REPOSITORY STAFF REPORT

Molly Stark Park Public Meeting
1/9/14 regarding US EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant
Nimishillen Township Fire Station #3-6:30 pm

Attending from Stark Parks: Bob Fonte, Park Director; Dawn Moeglin, Development Coordinator; Jared Shive, Marketing Coordinator; Todd Shaffer, Operations Manager

Others Attending: Steve Coon, Developer, Coon Restoration & Sealants; Terry Moser, Developer; see attached sign-in sheet

Handouts: Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA), Community Input Form

History of Molly Stark Property, including ownership by the Stark County Commissioners, completion of the Phase I and Phase II Environmental Assessments that confirmed asbestos inside the three remaining building.

An overview of cleanup alternatives as outlined in the ABCA handout. Project proposal if rejected will result in eventual demolition of property with portions preserved for interpretive park design.

Specifics of grant: Total amount we can apply for is \$200,000 with a \$40,000 match required to be paid for with park district funds. Grant awards can take up to 6 months for review and announcements, followed by a 6-8 week process for signing a cooperative agreement with the US EPA. This would be followed by taking bids for the project, which therefore would probably not begin, at the earliest, Fall of 2014.

Questions answered by developer, Steve Coon:

1. Will the building be converted to residential or commercial property?
 - a. The plan is to develop the buildings into mid-income, 1-2 bedroom apartments. It may include a community space and/or a coffee shop. Market rate housing will serve as a driver.
2. Would the Louisville Library have a space?
 - a. We are open to talking about options with the community as we develop a plan.
3. What are the costs involved with asbestos removal?
 - a. The grant is for \$200,000 and is the current price of removal. Most of the asbestos is located in the tunnels where pipes were wrapped in asbestos materials. Fortunately asbestos removal costs have decreased over the years, making this feasible.
4. Will you build condominiums or rentals?
 - a. We plan to submit the buildings for recognition as a National Historic Landmark and then apply for federal and state tax credits which will determine how we can proceed.
5. Will you include all 3 buildings?
 - a. Yes

6. Is there a target date or timeline?
 - a. Upon approval of the EPA grant, we will be removal of asbestos right away. Applications are accepted in September and March for historical credits, our goal would be to start renovations no later than 2015.
7. Are you using local labor?
 - a. We have not gone that far in the planning.
8. Is there anything residents can do?
 - a. Yes, by attending the public meeting and voicing your opinion, you will help. There are community input forms provided for you to complete, or you can submit a letter of support to Stark Parks.

**Molly Stark Park
US EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant Public Meeting
January 9, 2014**

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Landowner on trail to
Louisville (120Ac)

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day
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Jan. 18: Aulman Bloodmobile
Bus at Fairhope United Methodist
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uisville 10-2.

Jan. 20: Martin Luther King Jr.
Day

Jan. 26: Aulman Bloodmobile
Bus at East Canton Church of
God, 201 Nassau St., East Can-
ton, 11-2.

Feb. 14: Valentine's Day
Feb. 17: Presidents' Day

Public Notice

The City of Louisville's unau-
dited cash financial report for the
fiscal year ended December 31,
2013 is available at City Hall,
215 S. Mill St., Louisville, Ohio,
44641.

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More information at <http://www.louisvilleohio.com/contact-information>.

Wanna Play? Euchre that is!

The LHS Alumni Association
Euchre Club began playing Eu-
chre at 7 p.m. on Wednesday,
January 15th in the large dining
room of the Louisville Eagles.

Players must be a member of
the Alumni Association. Mem-
bership is open to all Louisville
High School graduates. New
members and those renewing
may pay that evening. Spouses
are invited to play as well but
must be an Associate Member.
All memberships for one year
are \$10.00.

For further information please
call Carolyn Jeffers Hiss (330)
353-0909.



Photo taken last week of the Molly Stark building.

Saving Molly Stark

— Visionary developer Steve Coon interested; StarkParks interested

by ALLEN GRESS
HERALD CORRESPONDENT

Like the mythical bird phoenix
rising from its ashes to be reborn,
plans to keep Molly Stark is back
from near death.

At a Thursday evening public
meeting held at Nimishillen Town-
ship Fire Station #3, local developer
Steve Coon, who has made a career
of the historical preservation of old
buildings, joined with StarkParks
Executive Director Bob Foote, park
staff members and the StarkParks
Board of Directors to share this
possibility, this vision for saving
Molly Stark.

The purpose of the meeting was
two-fold. One to garner input into
the idea of saving the main building
and developing it into a privately
owned mixed use building with
one and two bedroom apartments
and some retail business on the first

floor.
Details are in the planning sta-
ges, but the first step is modifying
the subsoils in the building and
StarkParks is seeking an EPA grant
to pay for it. The grant application
will be reviewed in September with
the cost estimated at several hun-
dred thousand dollars. They expect
to receive an answer to their request
about six months after the submis-
sion.

The second reason for the meet-
ing was to encourage public sup-
port in the form of letters urging the
approval of the grant application.
"All subsoils must come out
whether we tear the building down
or renovate it," Coon said.

Their appeal for help was over-
whelmingly accepted as most of the
30 persons in attendance lined up to
obtain addresses of Columbus EPA
officials.

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Steve Coon sharing his vision for Molly Stark. ALLEN GRESS PHOTO

Twp. Zoning Inspector reminder - Residents need permits

by JOANNE MOODY
B-J MOODY ASSOCIATES

The January 9 meeting of the
Nimishillen Township Trustees
opened at 7:00 p.m. with Trustees
Lisa Shaffer, Lou Johnson, Mike
Lynch and Fiscal Officer Brian
Kandel present.

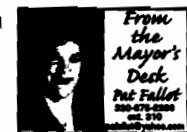
After the Pledge of Allegiance, a
short invocation by Lynch and a re-
minder to the 15 students present to
silence cell phones, 2014 Township
Board President Lisa Shaffer asked
FIRE DEPARTMENT Chief Rich
Peterson to give his report.

Peterson's first request was for
approval of sending 2 Captains to
an ice rescue class in Kent, Ohio
February 16,17 and 18 at \$425 per
person. His request was approved
and Captain Scott Bamer and Cap-
tain Eric Hansen will attend.

He then asked for approval of the
November Fire/EMS report show-
ing there were 90 incidents for No-
vember 2013 compared to 73 for
2012. In December they responded
to 96 incidents compared to 71 in
December 2012. For the 2013 year
there were 1069 calls for help com-
pared to 960 in 2012. His reports
were approved.

ROAD DEPARTMENT - Interim
Road Superintendent Jamie May
reported since the last meeting the

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It's truly depressing when you
have to put your Christmas decora-
tions away and the house gets back
to normal. It looks so dark and bare.
And that's why mice are still up and
in place. Just waiting for the right
time.

Last Saturday Council members
and city staff attended a seminar
dealing with public records for re-
quests and destruction. The leaders
were Robert Schultz and David Pul-
mer. I feel that this might be a good

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Cheryl Shepherd, Mark Sigler and Dr. Brenda Ramsey-L'Amoreaux take the oath of office for new 4-year terms as Board of Education members.

Shepherd, Keefe take the helm of the Board of Education

— District ramps up for on-line testing

by ALLEN GRESS
HERALD CORRESPONDENT

Cheryl Shepherd was elected
president and Don Keefe was se-
lected as vice president of the 2014
Board of Education during the

board's Monday meeting. This is
the third consecutive year both have
served in those capacities.
Prior to the Board's monthly
meeting, Mark Sigler, Shepherd and
Dr. Brenda Ramsey-L'Amoreaux
were sworn in for the beginning of

new four-year terms. All three were
incumbent board members who ran
for re-election in November and
were re-elected.

In other organizational matters,
the Board decided to meet the sec-
ond Monday of the month except

for the months of May, June, Oc-
tober and November when the
meeting will be the third Monday
of the month. Meetings begin at 7
p.m. and the meeting sites rotate
among the district's buildings.
Regular Board meetings are open
to the public.

Committee assignments were
made and all the members sit on
at least one standing committee,
some two. Board member Frank
Antonucci has been re-appointed
for a three-year term to represent
the Louisville Schools on the R.G.
Drage Career Center Board of Ed-
ucation. Antonucci has served in
that capacity for 14 years.

January is Board Apprecia-
tion Month and School Treasurer
James Carman, Jr. acknowledged
the unselfish service of board
members and presented each a
certificate of appreciation.

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LES Character Champions for October

Louisville Elementary School recently recognized students in Grades 1-5 for displaying good character on the basis of showing citizenship, responsibility, respectfulness, caring, fairness, trustworthiness, friendliness, effort and teamwork throughout their school day.

Louisville YMCA Representative Pat Richardson presented Character Champion Awards to the following students at Louisville Elementary for the month of October:

Jordan Baringer, Kayla Boes,

Keith Beaver, Madelyn Bighan, Abby Brading, Addison Burdick, Matthew Chambers, Chloe Cole, Alex Corona, Payton Crowles, Grace Daugherty, Robert Detchen, Blake DeVries, Devin Dixon, Madeline Elfiye, Jason Elwell, Andrew Esaki, Brooklyn Esaki, Olivia Orrin, Logan Palmer, Lila Pena, Lisa Pope, Jessalyn Pugh, Bryce Rehbeck, Jayden Richards, Rebecca Ring, Josh Sanford, Chloe Shade, Taylor Sharlow, Madison Sheen, Lauren Siegfried, Sierra Smith, Jessica Stewart, Kaden Swopes, Chase Wadsworth, Kora Wolf.

L'Amoreux, Abigail Lewis, Judson Law, Juliana Macdonald, Brooklyn McGonigle, Connor Medcal, Kaitlyn Miller, McKenzie Miller, Dylan Mills, David Mitchell, Jonathan Moore, Olivia Montgomerie, Sherilyn Mullett, Joanne Oglesbee, Blake Ohman, Delaney Orrin, Logan Palmer, Lila Pena, Lisa Pope, Jessalyn Pugh, Bryce Rehbeck, Jayden Richards, Rebecca Ring, Josh Sanford, Chloe Shade, Taylor Sharlow, Madison Sheen, Lauren Siegfried, Sierra Smith, Jessica Stewart, Kaden Swopes, Chase Wadsworth, Kora Wolf.

Trustees—

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Road Crew members have been busy plowing and salting roads, patched on Moore, Plover, California and Reno, pushed up salt, did shop inventory, repaired speed limit sign on Pilot Knob, replaced missing street sign on Horvathville, cleaned truck beds and worked on salt boxes, changed cutting edge on #1 plow, replaced bearings on one salt box along with cleaning the shop and the trucks. His report was approved.

ZONING DEPARTMENT — Inspector Dale Rignebach commented he is continually trying to keep the Township looking good by following up on motor vehicles or trailers that seem to be wrecked or in inoperable condition or without current legally displayed license plates. The Stark County Prosecuting Attorney told him he can legally ask to see proof of the current registration for each vehicle, ask the owner to move the vehicle from point A to point B to ensure vehicles are operable, consider all vehicles inoperable if vehicles haven't moved in three months and pictures he takes are proof.

A letter is sent to residents with all of the above mentioned concerns mentioned. The same goes if there is "junk" such as old tires, motor vehicle parts and discarded building materials. Letters are sent to the property owners regarding any of these issues. If no response a second letter is issued. If there is still no contact made to the Township Zoning Inspector and no issues have been addressed Rignebach will contact the Stark County Health Department.

Rignebach stated he tries to be fair but sometimes problems need to be addressed. Residents are also reminded when planning to add a new accessory building, culvert, split a lot or place an addition to their home a permit is probably needed. It may save a problem later by calling the Township Office at 330-875-9924 and talking with Rignebach to see if a permit is needed. Ten permits were issued in December that included two

new residences. The permits value is \$421,300 adding \$382.80 to the Township Treasury. Twelve new homes have been built in Nimschillen Township in 2013. A total of 38 new homes have been built in the Township from January 2010 thru December 2013.

FISCAL OFFICER Brian Kandel asked for a Resolution to authorize the Fiscal Officer to file requests with the Stark County Auditor for weekly Tax Advances of the February and July Real Estate Tax Settlement 2014 for the Maximum amount allowable by law of the current collection of taxes assessed and collected for and in behalf of Nimschillen Township. His request was approved.

CITIZENS — had one Township resident step up to comment the Road Department crew members did an excellent job recently keeping the Township roads cleared and thinned them.

TRUSTEES — made a Resolution for Certification of Township Mileage of 67.99 for 2013. This is the mileage in Nimschillen that the Road Department is expected to maintain in all ways each year. The next Resolution was to approve to pay for zoning boards and Dale Rignebach to attend Law Seminar on Saturday, February 8 at \$23 per person. Approved.

Trustees then went into Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. for discussion to fill expired seats on the Zoning Commission and Board of Appeals. Upon their return at 7:58 p.m. it was decided that the

Board of Appeals set for 5 years would be held by Gary Brink and the Zoning Commission set would be held by Ragan Starkey. Their positions would be held from January 9, 2014 to December 31, 2018.

Low Johnson then made motions to Approve the December 26, 2013 minutes and January 2, 2014 Organizational Meeting minutes, purchase orders, financial report and pay bills in the amount of \$18,137.20. Sign checks and adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

A CD of the meeting is available for a nominal fee by contacting Sharon at the Township Office (330-875-9924) and request same. The next regular Township meet-

ing will be held on January 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall on Maplegrove Ave. Meetings are open to all interested persons.

MAYOR—

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seminar to present to any and all citizens of Louisville so that they more understand what the city's restrictions are on handling requests for copies of certain documents and the timeline for producing these documents to distribute.

If you are so inclined, I would ask that you please contact me so that I can arrange such a meeting depending on the amount of interested parties.

As you may have read in the Herald last week, we are still in need of individuals that live in the City to volunteer for the appointment to the Building Appeals Board. This is a Board that only meets when needed so it wouldn't entail a lot of time or effort on anyone's part. Please contact the City Clerk, Penny Howald, with your questions. Council appreciates those who have come forward to serve as members on other city boards. They are not difficult jobs, but necessary.

Just a reminder that all city officers will be closed on Monday, January 20th, Martin Luther King Day, and will open for business on Tuesday at the regular time.

Driving school bus in the last weeks, I have seen many people who just don't think about the weather and what it does to the streets and roads. Accidents or near accidents are always happening in and around me as I drive and I am more cautious of this because of my

MOLLY STARK

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One of the issues is the private use of public parkland. Are residents willing to accept this? Details of the land use — sale or lease — were not discussed, rather the issue became saving Molly Stark. StarkParks cannot do that without private help.

"We don't want to tear it down," said Fonte. "This is our last chance at saving it."

Coon, whose company does about 600 projects a year, agreed. "Molly Stark is a community landmark," he said. "We should celebrate that. This would be a home run for the community."

With help from two other investors, Coon said he envisions one and two bedroom units, a coffee shop. "It's a community space. This project is not for low income or senior housing," he said. Coon estimated the renovation cost to be between ten and twelve million dollars.

"We're looking at young single professionals, empty nesters," Coon added. "Maybe some retail on the first floor. We've got to do it."

"This will be a residential area in a park, not a strip, this is to preserve a valuable property," Fonte said. "This is the last run at saving Molly Stark."

Coon said the building would have a conservation easement in the deed so it will always remain the historical building it is. "I want to be sure it stays historical with adaptive use inside."

Fonte said StarkParks would make application for the building to be listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings, which would enable the use of federal and state tax credits.

The Stark County government formerly owned the building and grounds located at 7900 Columbus Rd. Molly Stark was opened in 1929 as Molly Stark Sanatorium for treating tuberculosis patients. In the 1950s, the hospital's name was officially changed to Molly Stark Hospital, although it continued to treat TB patients until 1970. Then the remaining adult patients were transferred to the county-owned and operated IT Nist Health Care Center. From 1970 through 1995, Molly Stark served a variety of purposes including adult day care, drug rehabilitation and MRDD programming. Since 1995 the facility has remained abandoned.

In 2009 StarkParks purchased the property for one dollar and opened the grounds as a park. The property has been transformed to be the Nimschillen Township's first public park.

Young passengers. Please, please think when you drive that you should be aware of as the grand production of the Louisville City Players who have prepared a mystery for you once again and will perform this at Skyland Pines. I have gone the last two years and they are very well done. Please check this newspaper for details regarding dates and times.

Also, the AARP group will be back at Paradise United Church of Christ beginning Wednesday, February 5, 2014, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, to assist people with their federal and state taxes. This service is free and available for low income and senior citizens.

with trails, picnic areas and abundant open space that is a part of the larger StarkParks network of parks. Font shared the news of a connector trail running from Molly Stark to Louisville along the creek bed that is in the planning stages.

Ran and Betty Derry live across the street from Molly Stark and were in attendance at the meeting.

"This is awesome — a dream come true," she said. The Board that Those interested in writing support letters may do so by sending letters to:

Dana McGeigh
StarkParks Administration Office
5300 Tyner St. NW
Canton, OH 44708
Letters must arrive before January 22.

School Bd.—

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In her report to the Board, Curriculum Director Sherri Unger reported the need for additional computers to fulfill the state-mandated requirement that this year's achievement testing be done on-line. She estimated the district would need between 150 and 200 more computers as the state testing is done during a three-week period this spring. "This is a serious issue," said Antonucci.

All school districts in Ohio have to meet this change and some do not have the computer network infrastructure necessary, said Milano, but Louisville's new buildings are all wired for on-line use.

Unger told the Board that third grade testing resulted in 76% of Louisville's third graders passing, the second highest rank among all Stark County Schools. "Louisville is the only District that improved its third grade scores over last year," she said.

According to recent changes in the third graders will not be promoted into fourth grade until they pass the third grade test. However, special needs children and students with IEPs are not subject to this rule. Louisville has a remedial program for under-performing third graders and there are other opportunities for students to be re-tested.

Board member Sigler wants to make sure all parents are aware of the importance of the test and what it could mean for their third grader.

In other reports to the Board, Student Representative Jessica Begue reviewed high school athletic team successes and said the theme for February Heart's Dance was "Out of this World." She reminded all there are only 83 school days left before graduation.

In his report, Carman said the Board would be looking at Pay-to-Play policies with the goal of keeping the district's building rental fees which Carman said are lower than other county school districts.

Carman submitted the district's 2014 13-page \$11.8 million state-mandated alternative use budget to the Stark County Budget Committee. The deadline for the budget is Jan. 20. The document shows the revenue from the district's eight leases on the books with \$9.2 million going to the general operating fund and \$2.1 million for bond retirement. Other funds are capital improvement funds for capital proj-

ects. In other business, the Board:

- Agreed to dispose of a salt spreader.
- Accepted the donation of \$450 for the Speech and Debate program from William D. Hall.
- Approved the AP Honor's European History Course of Study.
- Approved the high school course selection guide for 2014-15.
- Approved a list of workers for winter sports.

The next regular Board of Education meeting is set for Mon., Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. in the high school.

Brown, Portman applaud US Trade Rep. Decision to defend AK Steel

Washington, D.C., Jan. 15 — U.S. Sens. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Rob Portman (R-OH) applauded today's decision by the office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to protect steel producers such as Ohio-based AK Steel, and Allegheny Technologies, which employs 140 workers in Louisville, Ohio from illegal Chinese trade practices. One-hundred fifty workers at AK Steel's plant in Zanesville are particularly impacted by this case. Specifically, USTR will challenge China's refusal to comply with World Trade Organization (WTO) regulations on grain oriented flat-rolled electrical steel (GOES).

"The Administration needs to do everything in its power to protect the American steel industry and the domestic workers and businesses it supports," Brown said. "That means not allowing countries like China to circumvent international law and putting our country's steel industry on an unfair playing field. By standing up to China, USTR is standing up for AK Steel and Ohio jobs."

"I am pleased that the United States is challenging China's illegal penalties on Ohio steel exports," Portman said. "China must follow the trading rules, and we must act when they fail to live up to the laws on the books. Manufacturing exports are vital to Ohio workers, and I will continue to support efforts to ensure that our workers are able to operate on a level playing field around the world."

In December 2013, Brown and Portman applauded a ruling by the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) to maintain, until 2018, existing anti-dumping duties (AD) and countervailing duties (CVD) orders against unfairly traded imports of hot-rolled steel. This decision followed efforts by Brown and Portman in October 2013 urging ITC Chairman Irving Williamson to maintain trade orders that would help ensure a level playing field for an already vulnerable domestic steel industry, including AK Steel and Cleveland's Avondale.

In 2011, Brown authored and Portman voted for the Currency Exchange Rate Oversight Reform Act, bipartisan legislation which would use U.S. trade law to counter the economic harm to U.S. manufacturers caused by currency manipulation and would provide consequences for countries that fail to adopt appropriate policies to eliminate currency mismanagement.

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Appendix 3 Other Factors Checklist

Please identify (with an **X**) which if any of the below items apply to your community or your project as described in your proposal. To be considered for an Other Factor, you must include the page number where each applicable factor is discussed in your proposal. EPA will verify these disclosures prior to selection and may consider this information during the evaluation process. If this information is not clearly discussed in your narrative proposal or in any other attachments, it will not be considered during the selection process.

Other Factor	Page #
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community population is 10,000 or less	
<input type="checkbox"/> Federally recognized Indian tribe	
<input type="checkbox"/> United States territory	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant will assist a Tribe or territory	
<input type="checkbox"/> Targeted brownfield sites are impacted by mine-scarred land	
<input type="checkbox"/> Targeted brownfield sites are contaminated with controlled substances	
<input type="checkbox"/> Recent natural disaster(s) (2006 or later) occurred within community, causing significant community economic and environmental distress	
<input type="checkbox"/> Project is primarily focusing on Phase II assessments.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant demonstrates firm leveraging commitments for facilitating brownfield project completion by identifying amounts and contributors of funding in the proposal and have included documentation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Community experienced manufacturing plant closure(s) (2008 or later) tied to the targeted brownfield sites or project area, including communities experiencing auto plant closures due to bankruptcy or economic disruptions.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Recent (2008 or later) significant economic disruption (unrelated to a natural disaster or manufacturing/auto plant closure) has occurred within community, resulting in a significant percentage loss of community jobs and tax base.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant is a recipient or a core partner of a HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities (PSC) grant that is directly tied to the project area, and can demonstrate that funding from a PSC grant has or will benefit the project area. To be considered, applicant must attach documentation which demonstrates this connection to a HUD-DOT-EPA PSC grant.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant is a recipient of an EPA Brownfields Area-Wide Planning grant	
<input type="checkbox"/> Community is implementing green remediation plans.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change (also add to "V.D Other Factors")	